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SUBJECT:GRAIN TRADE-ARGENTINE PROPOSAL FOR BILATERAL TALKS

REF: (A) BUENOS AIRES 3133; (B) STATE 86317

1. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO FOLLOW UP CONVERSATION WITH
FOREIGN MINISTRY REPORTED REF A WITH TRANSMITTAL TO GOA
OF NOTE OR AIDE MEMOIRE, AS APPROPRIATE, ALONG FOLLOWING
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"IN CONNECTION WITH SUGGESTION MADE IN AIDE MEMOIRE

GIVEN TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE WILLIAM ROGERS BY MINISTER OF ECONOMY ALFREDO GOMEZ MORALES ON OCCASION OF FORMER'S RECENT VISIT TO BUENOS AIRES, THE UNITED STATES HAS EXAMINED THE POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON QUESTIONS OF MUTUAL INTEREST RELATED TO GRAINS. IN VIEW OF NUMBER OF IMPORTANT GRAIN RELATED ISSUES CURRENTLY UNDER DISCUSSION IN INTERNATIONAL FORA SUCH AS THE INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL AND THE MTN, SUCH CONSULTATIONS COULD BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL IN CLARIFYING POSITIONS OF BOTH COUNTRIES ON THESE ISSUES. WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT SUCH CONSULTATIONS, WHICH WE BELIEVE COULD

BE COMPLETED IN ONE OR AT MOST TWO DAYS, TAKE PLACE IN WASHINGTON, POSSIBLY DURING WEEK BEGINNING JUNE 23 SO AS TO IMMEDIATELY PRECEED 73RD SESSION OF IWC IN LONDON, WHICH BEGINS JUNE 30".

2. FYI: DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY TO MAKE CLEAR IN OUR REPLY THAT WE RESPONDING TO GOA PROPOSAL AS MADE IN MARCH 10 AIDE MEMOIRE FROM MINISTRY OF ECONOMY. EMBASSY SHOULD USE OWN JUDGEMENT IN DEALING WITH ANY PROBLEMS REGARDING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND ECONOMY, BUT SHOULD MAINTAIN OUR VIEWS ON SUBSTANCE OF CONSULTATIONS AS DESCRIBED REF B. THERE IS LITTLE POSSIBILITY U.S. COULD SERIOUSLY CONSIDER LIMITING PL 480 OR ANY OTHER SALES OF U.S. GRAIN IN LATIN AMERICA TO MEET ARGENTINE REQUEST. WE WISH TO HOLD MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON, BUT HAVE NO STRONG VIEWS AT THIS POINT ON TIMING, ALTHOUGH THAT SUGGESTED IN ABOVE TEXT WOULD APPEAR MOST CONVENIENT. EMBASSY SHOULD DISCOURAGE ANY SUGGESTION THAT U.S. DELEGATION TRAVEL TO BUENOS AIRES. END FYI.

3. WHEN AND IF GOA DECIDES TO GO AHEAD WITH CONSULTATIONS, EMBASSY REQUESTED TO REPORT ON SUBJECTS GOA EXPECTED TO RAISE AND POSITIONS THEY LIKELY TO TAKE. APRIL 26 SANCHEZ ARNAU-JONES MEMCON REF A NOT YET RECEIVED IN DEPARTMENT. KISSINGER

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